

ELEMENT SUMMARY INFORMATION

Element: 2.1.1 Manual Currency

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):

To maintain current Manuals.

Objective (FAA responsibility):

To determine if the Air Carrier follows its manual revision program.

Inputs:

• Changes affecting the Air Carrier's operations (e.g., CFR, ADs, procedures, equipment and personnel).

Outputs:

• Current Manual(s)

Performance Measures:

• All copies of a Manual are identical to the current status of the original document.

SRR:

- 121.133 (a) Preparation
- 121.137 (b) Distribution and Availability
- 121.141 (a) Airplane Flight Manual

Other CFRs and/or FAA Guidance:

- Preamble:
 - 60 FR 65832, December 20, 1995 Commuter Operations and General Certification and Operations Requirements
- 8400.10, Volume 2, Chapter 2, Section 1, Paragraph 73--Formal Application Attachments
- 8400.10, Volume 2, Chapter 2, Section 5 Paragraph 319--Minimum Equipment Lists for U.S.-Registered Aircraft, General.)
- 8400.10, Volume 2, Chapter 2, Section 5 Paragraph 331, Termination of Special Purpose Flight Crewmember Certificates.
- 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 4, Section 2, Figure 3.4.2.1-- Recommended Format--AQP Approval Letter
- 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 14, Section 3, Paragraph 1951-- Operator-Specific Training Modules.
- 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 15, Section 1, Paragraph 2083--Review of Manuals.
- 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 15, Section 1, Paragraph 2085--Format and Style of Manuals.
- 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 15, Section 2, Paragraph 2101--Phase One: Establishing A Framework For Review.
- 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 15, Section 2, Paragraph 2113--Emergency Revisions.
- 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 15, Section 6, Paragraph 2227--
- 8300.10, Volume 3, Chapter 37, Section 2, Paragraph 5H--Verify Currency of Operators Manual
- 8400.10, Volume 6, Chapter 2, Section 6, Paragraph 205--Procedures For Reviewing Operations Manuals.
- 8400.10, Volume 6, Chapter 2, Section 19, Paragraph 473-- Specific Inspection Practices and Procedures.

SRR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

SRR	Intent	Inspectors
121.133 (a)	To require the Air Carrier to maintain current	Certification: Maintenance
	Manuals for use by its personnel.	Surveillance: Maintenance
121.137 (b)	To require all personnel who are issued a	Certification: Maintenance
	Manual to keep it current, and available when	Surveillance: Maintenance
	on duty.	
121.141 (a)	To require an Air Carrier to keep a current	Certification: Maintenance
	airplane flight Manual (AFM) for each type of	Surveillance: Maintenance
	airplane it operates.	

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SECTION 1 - RESPONSIBILITY ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and knowledgeable person who is accountable for the quality of the Manual Currency process.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Identify the person who is responsible for the quality of the Manual Currency process.		
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and responsibilities of the person.		
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume', if appropriate).		
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.		
5. Discuss the Manual Currency process with the person.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:		
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who is answerable for the quality of the Manual Currency process?	YES If yes, provide the name: No If no, explain:	
2. Does the person understand the procedures associated with the Manual Currency process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain:	
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain:	
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain:	
6. Is the responsibility of this position clearly documented in the air carrier's Manual(s)?	YES If no, explain:	
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly documented?	YES If no, explain:	
7a Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	YES If no, explain:	
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	YES If no, explain:	
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has responsibility for the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain:	
10. Does the person know who has authority to establish and modify the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain:	

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SECTION 2 – AUTHORITY ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and k	knowledgeable person with the	
authority to establish and modify the Manual Currency process.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Identify the person who has the authority to establish or modify the Manual Currency process.		
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and re	esponsibilities of the person.	
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume	, if appropriate).	
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.		
5. Discuss the Manual Currency process with the person.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to	to the following questions:	
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who has authority to establish	☐ YES If yes, provide the	
and modify the air carrier's policies for the Manual Currency process?	name: No If no, explain:	
2. Does the person understand the procedures associated with the	☐ YES If no, explain:	
Manual Currency process?	U No	
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain: No	
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the	YES If no, explain:	
Manual Currency process?	No	
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain: No	
6. Is the authority of this position clearly documented in the air	YES If no, explain:	
carrier's Manual(s)?	□ No	
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly	YES If no, explain:	
documented?	□ No	
7a Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	☐ YES If no, explain:☐ NO	
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	YES If no, explain:	
	□ No	
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has authority for the	YES If no, explain:	
Manual Currency process?	☐ No	
10. Does the individual know who has the responsibility for the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain: No	
11. Are the procedures for delegation of authority clearly documented	YES If no, explain:	
for the Manual Currency process?		

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SECTION 3 – PROCEDURES ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if the air carrier has documented procedures for	r accomplishing the Manual	
Currency process.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the Manual Currency process to ensure that they contain who, what, where, when, and how.		
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this SAI.		
 Discuss the Manual Currency process with appropriate personnel to gain an understanding of the procedures. 		
4. Observe the Manual Currency process to gain an understanding of the	ne procedures.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:		
1. Do written procedures exist to achieve the desired result of the Manu	al Currency process:	
1.1 Do written procedures specify a method for identifying the	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
revision status of each Manual? [SRR 121.133 (a) and 121.137 (b)]	□ NO □ N/A	
1.2 Do written procedures specify a method (e.g., bulletins) for	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain:	
identifying emergency temporary revisions? [SRR 121.133 (a) and 121.137 (b)]	□ NO □ N/A	
1.3 Do written procedures specify a method (e.g., bulletins) for	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
tracking emergency/temporary revisions? [SRR 121.133 (a) and 121.137 (b)]	□ NO □ N/A	
1.4 Do written methods specify a method for systematically	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
incorporating emergency/temporary revisions into Manuals?	□ No	
[SRR 121.133 (a) and 121.137 (b)]	□ N/A	
1.5 Do written procedures require the Air Carrier to issue a master list of effective pages (LEP) on an annual basis? [SRR]	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
121.133 (a)]	□ No □ N/A	
1.6 Do written procedures prohibit the use of pen and ink	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
changes? [SRR 121.133 (a) and 121.137 (b)]	□ No	
	□ N/A	
1.7 Do procedures exist which specify the limitations on the use of	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
Manual excerpts?	No No	
1.8 Does the carrier have a method of coordinating FAA	☐ N/A☐ YES If no or N/A, explain:	
approval? [SRR 121.133 (a)]	No	
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1.9 Do procedures exist for revising Manuals? [SRR 121.133 (a)]	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A
1.10 Does the Air Carrier have a method for a company or contract personnel proposing revisions to follow? [SRR 121.133 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.11 Does the carrier have a method of coordinating drafts of Manuals before making a formal submission to FAA? [SRR 121.133 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.12 Does a method exist for revising Manuals published in electronic or microfilm formats? [SRR 121.133 (a)]	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A
1.13 Is revision status of electronic/microfilm Manuals available to users? [SRR 121.133 (a) and 121.137 (b)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
3. Does the revision control document contain a brief explanation of changes?	YES If no, explain: NO
4. Does the Air Carrier have a procedure to establish a standard for when a revision requires training?	YES If no, explain: NO
5. Do the procedures identify: who, what, where, when and how?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
6. Are the procedures in compliance with the CFR(s)?	YES If no, explain: NO
7. Do the procedures conform to other written guidance (E.g., Operations Specifications, FAA Orders, Airworthiness Directives, Advisory Circulars, Handbook Bulletins, Directives, and Manufacturer's Recommendations)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
8. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the written procedures for the Manual Currency process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
9. If alternate procedures exist for use during irregular conditions, do they achieve the same desired results as the primary procedures so that an equivalent level of safety is maintained? (E.g., a manual system used as a result of equipment failure).	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A, No alternate procedures exist for this element
10. Are the procedures published in different manuals relating to the Manual Currency process consistent?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
11. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of procedural changes to the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain:

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SECTION 4 – CONTROL ATTRIBUTE	
Objective: To determine if checks and restraints are designed into the C desired result is achieved.	urrency process to ensure a
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks.	:
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the N	Manual Currency process.
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (Supplemental information section of this SAI	·
3. Discuss the Manual Currency process with appropriate personnel to controls.	gain an understanding of the
4. Observe the Manual Currency process to gain an understanding of the	ne controls.
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:
1. Are the following checks and restraints built into the Manual Curren	cy process:
1.1 Are revisions that require FAA approval approved before being issued?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.2 Is there a list of effective pages (LEP)?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.3 Do revisions requiring approval have an FAA signature?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.4 Do emergency/temporary revisions have expiration dates?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.5 Is the date of last revision and revision number included on each page? [SRR 121.135(a)(3)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.6 Does each revised page identify the Manual to which it belongs?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.7 Does the Air Carrier have time limits specified for emergency/temporary revisions?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.8 Does the Manual holder annually review the content of the Manual against the master list of effective pages (MLEP)?	YES If no or N/A, explain:

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1.9 Is there a list of individuals who have the authority to revise a part(s) of a Manual?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.10 Does the Air Carrier prohibit the use of unauthorized Manuals? [SRR 121.135 (b)]	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.11 Are electronic Manuals in a read-only format?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.12 Does the revision process for electronic/microfilm Manuals require the return of outdated materials to the Publications Department?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.13 Does the Air Carrier maintain a current revision list of electronic/microfilm Manuals located where those Manuals are used?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.14 Does the Air Carrier require that all excerpts have the same revision date as the original?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.15 Does the Air Carrier require that all excerpts are validated before use?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.16 Does the Air Carrier have a method for destroying excerpts after use?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.17 Does the Air Carrier establish a training standard when a revision requires it?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
2. Do the checks and restraints ensure the desired result is achieved for the Manual Currency process?	YES NO	If no, explain:
3. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of any changes made to checks and restraints in the Manual Currency process?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:
4. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the checks and restraints for the Manual Currency process?	YES NO	If no, explain:

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SECTION 5 - PROCESS MEASUREMENT ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if the air carrier measures and assesses the Maridentify and correct problems or potential problems.	nual Currency process, to	
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the M	Manual Currency process.	
2. Discuss the Manual Currency process with appropriate personnel to process measures.	gain an understanding of the	
3. Observe the Manual Currency process to gain an understanding of th	e process measures.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:	
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2. Does the air carrier's Manual Currency process include the following	g process measurements?	
2.1 The Air Carrier randomly audits Manuals to determine their revision status and creates a report of discrepancies.	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
2.2 The Air Carrier analyzes the discrepancy report to determine underlying causes, and those causes are reported to the person responsible for that Manual.	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
2.3 The Air Carrier audits work environments to determine if outdated electronic/microfilm Manuals have been retained.	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
2.4 The Air Carrier audits the Manuals annually to ensure no pen and ink changes have been made.	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
3. Does the air carrier document their process measurement methods and results?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
4. Are the air carrier's process measurement methods effective?	YES If no, explain:	
5. Does the air carrier use their process measurement results to improve their programs?	YES If no, explain: No	
6. Are the process measurement results accessible to the FAA?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
7. Does the organization that conducts the process measurement have direct access to the person with responsibility for the Manual Currency process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
8. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the process measurement for the Manual Currency process?	YES If no, explain:	

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SECTION 6 – INTERFACES ATTRIBUTE	
Objective: To determine if the air carrier identifies and manages the interprocess and the other element processes within the air carrier organization.	- II
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:	
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the M	Manual Currency process.
2. Discuss the Manual Currency process with appropriate personnel to interfaces.	gain an understanding of the
3. Observe the Manual Currency process to gain an understanding of th	e interfaces.
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:
1. Are the following interfaces identified for the Manual Currency proc	ess:
1.1 Route Structures (System 5.0)	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A
1.2 Airman and Crewmember Flight, Rest, and Duty Time (System 6.0)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.3 Technical Administration (System 7.0)	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A
1.4 Aircraft Configuration Control (System 1.0)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.5 Manuals (System 2.0)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.6 3.0 Flight Operations (System 3.0)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.7 Personnel Training and Qualifications (System 4.0)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
2. List any additional interfaces identified:	
3. Are there written procedures for the use of air carrier personnel in the application of these interfaces?	YES If no, explain:
4. Are there controls to ensure that interfaces occur?	YES If no, explain:
5. Are the interfaces between the Manual Currency process and other processes treated consistently in the Manual(s)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ No